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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
(Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 20th December 1958

G.S.R. 1217.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) and in supersession of the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Price Control Order, 1958 published with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Food) S.R.O. 172 dated the 14th January, 1958, the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Second Price Control Order, 1958.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Prices for sale or purchase of Paddy.—(1) The maximum price at which winter sali paddy may be sold in wholesale quantities in the zones within the State of Assam specified in column (1) of the First Schedule to this Order shall not exceed the rate specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Schedule.

(2) The price payable to a grower in the village for winter sali paddy shall not be less than Rs. 9 per maund

Provided that where the paddy is purchased in the months of December, January and February of any year, a cut on account of moisture shall be imposed at the rate of 8-1/3 per cent, 5 per cent and 3 per cent respectively on the price payable.

3. Maximum prices for sale of Rice.—The maximum price chargeable by a miller and a wholesaler who is not a miller, for sale of winter sali rice in wholesale quantities in the zones within the State of Assam specified in column (1) of the First Schedule to this Order shall not exceed the rate specified for such miller or wholesaler in the corresponding entry in columns (3) and (4) of the said Schedule.

4. Interpretation.—For the purposes of this Order,—

(a) the prices specified are for naked grains; for rice or paddy supplied in new and sound gunny bags the specified prices shall be increased by

62 nP. in the case of rice and 75 nP. in the case of paddy; for rice or paddy supplied in old gunny bags the specified prices shall be increased by 31 nP. and 37 nP. for rice and paddy respectively;

- (b) a maund is equivalent in weight to 82-2/7 lbs;
- (c) "sale in wholesale quantities" means sale in quantities exceeding ten maunds in any one transaction;
- (d) for paddy or rice supplied ex-Government Depots, the maximum prices shall be the prices specified against the appropriate entry in columns (2) and (3) of the First Schedule to this Order increased by 6¼ per cent;
- (e) the prices specified in the First Schedule to this Order are for fair average quality conforming to the specifications prescribed in the Second Schedule to this Order; for rice or paddy below the fair average quality, the maximum prices shall be determined by reducing the prices specified in the First Schedule by the amounts of cuts indicated in the Second Schedule aforesaid;
- (f) the term 'wholesaler' means any person engaged in purchase, sale or storage for sale of rice or paddy holding a valid licence under the Assam Foodgrains (Licensing and Control) Order, 1958 and the term 'miller' means a person holding a licence under the said Order for milling rice and paddy.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See clauses 2, 3 and 4)

Zones	Maximum price per maund of winter sown paddy	Maximum price per maund for winter sown rice	
	Rs.	For Millers Rs.	For Wholesalers other than millers Rs.
1	2	3	4
(1) Kamrup district, north of Brahmaputra, Darrang District North Lakhimpur Sub-Division and Nowgong District, Hailekandi Silchar and Kokrajhar Sub-Divisions.	10.25	17.60	18.10
(2) Kamrup district, south of Brah- maputra, Sibsagar District Karimganj and Goalpara Sub- divisions.	10.50	18.00	18.50
(3) Dhubri and Dibrugarh Sub- divisions.	10.75	18.40	18.90

NOTE.—In the case of wholesalers, the prices specified above shall be increased by the transport cost per maund incurred by them from their source of supply to their place of business which cost shall be determined by such authority and in such manner as the Government of Assam may specify in this behalf.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

(See clause 4)

Winter Sali Assam rice

Specification : Fair average quality.

The rice shall be in sound, merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grain and free from mould, weevils, smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances or coloring agents and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the Table below :

Constituents of admixtures	Kind of rice	Tolerance limit (percent.)	Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over the tolerance limit specified in column (3)
1	2	3	4

A. Broken and fragments :

(1) Milled rice	(i) Boiled rice	5	Re. 0.12 per maund upto $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Over $7\frac{1}{2}$ upto 15 per cent. Re. 0.19 per maund.
	(ii) Raw rice	$7\frac{1}{2}$	Re. 0.12 per maund upto 10 per cent. Over 10 per cent. upto 20 per cent. Re. 0.19 per maund.
(2) Hand-pounded rice	(i) Boiled rice	$7\frac{1}{2}$	Re. 0.12 per maund upto 10 per cent. Over 10 per cent upto 15 per cent. Re. 0.19 per maund.
	(ii) Raw rice	10	Re. 0.12 per maund upto $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Over $12\frac{1}{2}$ upto 20 per cent. Re. 0.19 per maund.

B. For both milled and hand pounded rice :

(1) Dirt, Foreign matter and paddy or unhusked grains.	Boiled rice or Raw rice.	1	Re. 0.12 per maund upto 2 per cent. Over 2 per cent. Re. 0.25 per maund.
(2) Damaged, discoloured and weevilled grains.	Boiled rice or Raw rice	1	Re. 0.12 per maund upto 2 per cent. Over 2 per cent. Re. 0.25 per maund.
(3) Red grains and other varieties.	Do.	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Re. 0.12 per maund upto 5 per cent. Over 5 per cent. Re. 0.25 per maund.

C. For stocks containing broken exceeding 15 per cent in the case of boiled and 20 per cent in the case of raw rice, the maximum price shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ of the price specified in this notification for fair average quality.

Winter Sali Assam paddy

Specification : Fair average quality.

1. The paddy shall be in sound, merchantable condition, dry, clean, of uniform colour and grain size and free from dirt, foreign matter, chaff or immature grains and free from mould, musty or obnoxious odour, excessive moisture, and free from signs of weevil or insect attack and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the Table below :—

Constituents of admixtures	Tolerance limit (per cent)	Rates at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over tolerance limit in column (2)
1	2	3
A. 1. Dirt, mud, sand, chaff and other similar foreign matter . . .	1.0	At full value.
2. Admixture of lower grade paddy	2½	Re. 0.69 per maund upto 5 per cent.
B. For stocks containing admixture of lower grade paddy exceeding 5 per cent, the maximum price shall be ¾th of the price specified in this notification for fair average quality.		
2. Paddy containing admixtures within the tolerance limits specified above shall be subject to reduction in price at the rate of 8½ per cent, 5 per cent and 3 per cent during the months of December, January and February respectively.		

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